Appendix 1: EYFS and KS1 acceptable use agreement (pupils and parents/carers)

Parent / Carer Acceptable Use Agreement

Digital technologies are becoming ever more prevalent in all our lives, including in the lives of children. When used appropriately, technology can be a wonderful force for good, opening up opportunities for everyone, stimulating discussion and promoting creativity. It is crucial that we guide our children to learn to use technology in this positive way. This includes supporting, supervising and scaffolding our children as they become more digitally literate and aware. It also means helping children to establish boundaries and to make positive choices about when and whether to use various technologies. Sometimes the healthiest choice will be to not use certain devices, games or apps until they are older. It is vital that we empower our children to make the choices that will best promote their physical, social and emotional well-being. If and when children choose to access the internet, they always have the right to be safe online

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- that parents and carers are aware of the importance of Online Safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.

The school will try to ensure that children will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the children to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the Pupil Acceptable Use Policy is attached to this permission form, so that parents / carers will be aware of the school expectations of the young people in their care.

Parents are requested to sign the permission form below to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work.

Permissions

As the parent / carer of the above *child / children*, I give permission for my son / daughter to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at school.

I understand that the school has discussed the Acceptable Use Agreement with my son / daughter and that they have received, or will receive, Online Safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

I understand that my son's / daughter's activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's Online Safety.

I will be aware that some website, social media, games and Apps have legal age limits. When my child is in my care I will only allow my child access to appropriate content for their age and maturity.